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City of San Jose from 1969 to 1999. Throughout my employment I was a member of IAFF

Local 230 and was active as an officer and/or member of the negotiating team from 1981 to

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2. After I retired I was on the Board of Administration of the Police and Fire Department Plan from approximately 2000 to 2008.

- 3. In 1997 I sat as the IAFF designated arbitrator in an arbitration before Bonnie Bogue At issue was a request by the Police and Fire Unions for an increase in the percentage of pension benefits. During the course of the hearing Edward Overton, who was the Administrator of the City Retirement Plans testified that under the Police and Fire Department Plans the employees were not responsible to pay anything for the costs which resulted from changes in the pension plans that gave credit for prior services of the employees; he stated that those prior service costs were born by the City.
- 4. During my time as a union officer and a member of the negotiating teams the issue of whether the employer costs could be reduced or the pension benefits could be enhanced when there was overfunding of the pension plan. The city representatives consistently took the position that such overfunding could only be used to reduce the contributions required of the City because the City was responsible for any unfunded actuarial side.
- 5. After I joined the Board of Administration of the Police and Fire Department Retirement Plan, on several occasions this same subject came up at board meetings. I recall specifically in discussions with Alex Gurza, Assistant City Manager, that he repeatedly maintained the responsibility for any unfunded liability of the Plan was solely that of the City's.
- 6. During my years of employment with the City there were no changes made which diminished the pension benefits and all changes, including increases in employee contribution levels were accomplished either by a negotiated Memorandum of Understanding or binding arbitration.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on April $\frac{19}{10}$, 2013, at San Jose, California.

Ken Heredia

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